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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## Banks.

### NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1. 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year. 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest. 4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July. 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000 RESERVE FUND, \$3,900,000 RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS. Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL IRVING. Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq. C. D. BOTTONY, Esq. S. O. MICHAELSEN, Esq. W. G. BRODIE, Esq. J. S. MOSER, Esq. H. L. DALYMPLE, Esq. L. POERNICKEL, Esq. N. A. SIEBS, Esq. B. LATTON, Esq. E. A. SOLOMON, Esq. H. A. P. MC'EWEN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong, Thomas JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER. Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum. For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, April 25, 1888. 363

## Intimations.

A CERTIFIED NURSE is anxious to obtain Free Passage to England; will give services and take entire charge of children to be sent home, an invalid, or nursing duties in any capacity. Highest testimonials and references.

Address, Mrs. C. Temperance Hall, Shanghai, 27th April, 1888. 741

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

NOTICE, is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG DISPENSARY, on MONDAY, the 14th day of May, next, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Account to the 31st December, 1887.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 5th Inst., till MONDAY, the 14th Inst., both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN WILLMOTT, Acting Secretary. COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1888. 713

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### NOTICE.

I. DISSE, Dr. Med., 11, Queen's Road Central.

CONSULTATIONS IN ENGLISH, FRENCH and GERMAN, from 8.30 to 10 A.M. and from 2 to 4 P.M.

Hongkong, May 9, 1888. 704

THE RICHMOND TERRACE ESTATE AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at No. 36, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Account to the 31st December, 1887.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th Instant, to WEDNESDAY, the 16th Inst., both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN WILLMOTT, Secretary. Hongkong, May 9, 1888. 755

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NEW AND ACCELERATED DIRECT SERVICE % TO LONDON VIA MARSEILLES FROM JAPAN AND CHINA.

ON the 19th May, at Noon, and fortnightly thereafter, until further notice, the Company will maintain a DIRECT SERVICE between HONGKONG and LONDON, VIA MARSEILLES.

This improved service will abolish all shipments, and it is intended that it shall maintain a high reputation for quick transit, careful delivery of cargo, and for passenger accommodation and cuisine.

The attention of passengers is specially called to the greatly improved Second-saloon accommodation and attendance.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent. Hongkong, May 8, 1888. 754

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 207. CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE YANGTZE.

NOTICE is hereby given that—on account of a recent Survey of a Section of the SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE YANGTZE having shown that a Middle Ground or Shoal, from ½ to 1½ miles in width and having from 6 to 12 feet of water on it, stretches nearly 7 miles in a South-easterly direction from a point N. 64° E. distant 2½ miles from the Kiu-tsun Beacon, and to the Channel to the North-eastward of this Middle Ground is wider, deeper, and more direct than the one on the South-western side—the following changes have been made in this vicinity:—

KIUTSON LIGHTSHIP. This Vessel has been moored in 4 fathoms off the South-western Edge of Blockhouse Shoal, with the Kiu-tsun Beacon bearing S. 71° W. distant about ½ miles.

MIDDLE GROUND UPPER BUOY. A red and black vertically striped Buoy, surmounted by a black triangular Cage, has been moored on the North-western end of the Middle Ground in 3 fathoms, with Kiu-tsun Beacon bearing S. 65° W. distant about 2½ miles.

MIDDLE GROUND LOWER BUOY. A red and black vertically striped Buoy, surmounted by a black diamond-shaped Cage, has been moored on the South-eastern end of the Middle Ground in 3 fathoms, with House Island Beacon bearing N. 22° W. distant about 4½ miles.

BLOCK-HOUSE SHOAL BUOY. This Buoy, No. 2 in the published List for 1888, has been removed.

Vessel entering by the Channel to the North-eastward of the Middle Ground may now keep the Kiu-tsun Lightship bearing S. 55° E. till she is 8 miles distant, and then steer to pass 2 cables to the South-westward of the Kiu-tsun Lightship; after which they may steer to make a course N. 56° W. till the small Kiu-tsun Beacon bears S. 45° W.

All bearings and courses given are magnetic, and the depths are for low water spring tides.

Vessels should not attempt to pass to the North-eastward of the Kiu-tsun Lightship in her present position.

By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs, A. M. BISBEE, Coast Inspector, Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 1st May, 1888. 736

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

A WARDMASTER is required at the GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL. Emoluments of the office \$50 per month, rising by annual increments of \$5 to \$60, with Uniform, furnished Quarters, Fuel, and Light.

Applications with Testimonials to be forwarded to the COLONIAL SECRETARY not later than the 21st Instant, at the GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

By Command, FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

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JOHN WILLMOTT, Acting Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1888. 713

## Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE NOW FULLY STOCKED WITH THE FOLLOWING

### SEASONABLE GOODS:

PARISIAN'S EAU DE COLOGNE. HENRIETTE'S HAIR WASH. EAU DE QUININE HAIR WASH. KALYDOR & ODONTO. LAU-TAI-KEE HAIR WASH. CARBOIL TOOTH POWDER.

HENRIETTE, ATKINSON's, and PIERRE & LUCILLE's DISINFECTANT (invaluable for washing Dogs and other Animals).

ANDRE'S SOFT HENRIETTE'S CARBOIL'S SAP, CARBOIL FRICTION-HEAT SOAP.

PEARS' TRANSPARENT SOAPS, SCENTED SOAPS, and BATH SOAPS.

DISINFECTANT, CARBOIL POWDER in 1lb. Dragees.

CALVÉE'S STRONGEST CARBOILIC ACID.

LARGE BATH SPONGES and FINE TOILET SPONGES.

BATH TOWELS and WIPES. FLESCH BRUSHES and SCRUBBERS.

Also, Cooling Beverages and Summer Tonics.

STOWER'S LIME JUICE, ORANGE JUICE and LEMON JUICE, RASPBERRY VINEGAR, Fortified LEMON JUICE, CHIURETTA BITTERS, PARISIAN'S CHEMICAL FOOD, SYRUP OF PHOSPHATES, FRENCH and ITALIAN VERMOUTH, CALIFORNIA RED and WHITE WINES, AMERICAN LAGER BEER, COCO WINE.

A Small Machine for making Block Ice, Icing Water and Wines.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, May 10, 1888. 768

## Intimations.



## TREASURY NOTICE.

The Rating Ordinance, 1888.

The Valuation List (Victoria) for 1888-89 is open to inspection at the Treasury for twenty-one days, commencing from Monday, 7th May. Extracts may be taken.

This Valuation will be in force from July 1st, 1888, to June 30th, 1889.

The last day for appeal to the Supreme Court will be May 26th. Notice stating the grounds of appeal in each case must also be sent to the Assessor on or before that date.

The Valuation Lists for Kowloon, the Peak and the Villages will be on inspection later on, of which due notice will be given.

Where the Valuation of any Tenement has been altered from that now in force, the Assessor must be shown of such change to the Owner, if his address is known; or if not, to the occupier, with a request that he will hand the same to the Owner. The omission to serve such notice does not invalidate the Rating, or form any excuse for not appealing against any assessment within the prescribed time, viz. May 7th to 26th, 1888. All Owners or Occupiers interested in real property should therefore inspect the Rate Book within this period.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,  
TREASURY, HONGKONG;  
Assessor.  
1st May, 1888.

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CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,  
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
METEOROLOGICAL  
INSTRUMENTS.VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED  
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.BROUILLIET LIQUID AND OTHER  
COMPANIES.  
ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS,  
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER &amp; ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

CHRISTOFF &amp; Co.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

GOLD &amp; SILVER JEWELLERY

in great variety.

## DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London  
PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

## NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are  
respectfully informed that, if upon  
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of  
the Company's FOREMEN should be at  
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the  
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will  
receive prompt attention.In the Event of Complaints being found  
necessary, Communication with the Under-  
signed is requested, when immediate steps  
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-  
satisfaction.D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 1458

## DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.  
MODERATE FEES.MR. WONG TAI-FONG,  
Surgeon Dentist,  
(Formerly APPOINTED APPRENTICE AND LAT-  
TERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)At the urgent request of his European  
and American patients and friends,  
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly oc-  
cupied by Dr. ROGERS,

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

## CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families  
Sole Address.

## 2, DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)  
Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 68THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON  
WHARF AND GODOWN COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS  
DISCHARGING BOMBAY COT-  
TON AND COTTON YARN AT THE KOW-  
LOON WHARF WILL HAVE FREE STOREAGE  
FOR 14 DAYS FROM ARRIVAL, AFTER WHICH A RENT  
OF 3 CENTS PER BALE PER MONTH WILL BE  
CHARGED.ISAAC HUGHES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A First INTERIM BONUS OF TWENTY  
PER CENT. upon Contributions for the  
year 1887 has This Day been declared.WARRANTS may be had on application at  
the above OFFICE on or after the 5th  
Proxime.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, April 19, 1888. 640

## Notice of Firm.

## NOTICE.

M. R. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been  
Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.  
CHATER & VERNON.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1888.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.THE Steamship *Japan* having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby informed that their  
Goods are being landed at their risk into  
the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND  
KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN Co., Ltd.,  
at Kowloon, whence delivery may be  
obtained.Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-  
less notice to the contrary be given before  
3 p.m. To-DAY, the 10th Instant.Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
17th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1888. 773

## Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.  
S.S. ZAMBESI, FROM KOBE.CONSIGNNEES of Cargo are hereby  
notified that the balance of the Cargo  
undelivered at Steamer's side is now being  
landed at their risk and expense into the  
HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND  
GODOWN Co.'s Godown, at Kowloon, and  
unprotected by Fire Insurance.ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 4, 1888. 725

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.THE S.S. *Lydia*, Captain G. PETERSEN,  
having arrived from the above Ports,  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested  
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-  
signature by the Undersigned, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from  
the steamer.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notified to the contrary be given before  
Noon To-Morrow, the 8th Instant.Any Cargo impeding her discharge will  
be landed into the Godowns of the Kow-  
loon Wharf & Godown Co. at Kowloon,  
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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, May 7, 1888. 742

To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

THE PUKUM AND SUNGHEE DUA  
SAMANTAN MINING COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.THE Second Ordinary Half-Yearly  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in  
the above Company will be held at the  
Company's OFFICE, Puddler's Street, on  
THURSDAY, 24th May, 1888, at 4 p.m.  
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Secretary.

Hongkong, May 10, 1888. 767

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

S.S. MONMOUTHSHIRE, FROM  
HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON,  
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.CONSIGNNEES of Cargo are hereby in-  
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**SPEAKING** at Coombes of the projected Siam-Chink railway, Sir Andrew Clarke said:—It will be about 1,000 miles long, and had been surveyed. More surveys are going out from England. The French are of course very disappointed at an Englishman having accomplished, (so far as all events) what they hoped would be received for a countryman of their own. The Siam and China railway will probably postpone for a long time the construction of a line between Tonquin and China.

**The London & China Express says**—In common with *The Times* and most of our contemporaries, we were misled into believing that Baron von Richthofen, the distinguished geographer and writer, on China, was dead. We now learn that the deceased was not the eminent Professor of Geography in the University of Berlin, but a relative, Juris Professor Leopold von Richthofen. Baron von Richthofen had had the pleasure once enjoyed by Lord Brougham, of reading in all the newspapers his own necrology, published in consequence of a false rumour of his death which some ill-natured persons said was put about by his kinsman himself. We hope it may be long before the papers report truly the termination of a career which is as full of promise as its past has been of performances.

We take the following Yokohama Commercial news for the week ending the 28th ult., from the *Japan Mail*:—If a decrease in the volume of business reported and a continued slackness of demand are to be taken as indications, the import trade may be said to have gone bad to worse. Prices are for the most part nominal. Cotton Piece Goods have moved a little, but business in Yarns and Woollens has been barely perceptible. The Metal trade is quiet. No sales of Karobaya are reported, and the market is easier. Some transactions have been conducted only with an eye to immediate requirements, holding being firm; and with the exception of Brown Takan, which has undergone a slight advance, prices are unchanged. A fair current business has been done in Silk, and stocks are reduced, while prices are generally well maintained. Some 350 piculs of New Tea have been taken over at prices similar to last year—\$38 to \$44, and the last is reported to be of promising quality. Further arrivals are daily expected. Exchange has undergone but slight fluctuations and closes steady.

Mr. Bromley, formerly United States Consul at Tientsin, has been delivering a lecture.—At hour and a half in Peking and Northern China, in San Francisco.—In speaking of Shanghai he said that before leaving California he had pictured to himself as grimy town of quaint Chinese structures. He was agreeably surprised, however, to find a beautiful city with noble buildings, picturesque parks and gardens and pleasant drive ways. He thought that night when he retired that there must be some mistake about it, and next day when he got a glimpse of the walled city of Shanghai just beyond he knew that he had discovered the mistake. This outside city—the Chinese quarter—was a combination of filth and horrible smells. He did not know how old the walled city was, but it was too old to be of any value, and, said the speaker, those filthy heathens are encroaching on the "foreigner's" beautiful domain in Shanghai proper and usurping the trade of the place, as the foreigners cannot live cheap by jowl with them. Mr. Bromley considered that Shanghai would soon be as much under control of the Mongol at Calcutta (1) and other cities. While on this branch of his subject Mr. Bromley said that even the Japanese were beginning to desire a restriction act, so as to protect their people from the Chinese.

The San Francisco correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* says:—A savoury dish of scandal, involving two English families of distinction, is likely to be served up in this country. Ten or twelve years ago, two rather loud women, known as the Woodhull sisters—one was known as Victoria Woodhull, the other as Annie C. Chadlin—made their appearance in New York, and opened an office as stockbrokers. Their behaviour was so brash that it attracted considerable remark, and it was regarded as proof of unusual courage to be seen in their company. They published a newspaper and it was in this sheet that the first revelation of the Beecher scandal made its appearance.

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When I arrested the prisoner I cautioned them, but they did not say anything.

By Mr. Denys—I understood at first that deceased had been suspended from the roof for two or three hours. The words used were that he was "tied up." I did not understand that deceased died of strangulation but from a blow over the heart. I found the two pipes produced in the sitting room of the first floor.

This concluded the evidence for the prosecution.

Mr. Denys said it seemed to him that a man could hardly imagined to go before a jury. The only direct evidence his Worship had before him that these two men had caused the death of the deceased was the statement of To Fat. He had told his story in a very peculiar way, and it was totally contradicted by the evidence of the doctors. Dr. Ayres said the death of the deceased could not have been caused by a blow from a pipe like any of those produced without its leaving some mark and there was no mark to be seen, and blow on the hands could not possibly have caused death. Further, he said, his Worship would therefore, if his Worship had made up his mind that a prima facie case had been made out, ask that the defendants be allowed a very small bail, as the case was merely one of suspicion. The case had been concocted simply and solely for the purpose of "squeezing." Both defendants remained in the Colony after this alleged murder was committed; they reported the matter in the regular way, went to the coffin shop and gave full names and address, and the burial took place in the middle of the day. Everything they did showed that they were not criminals; there was nothing in the least suspicious in their conduct.

His Worship refused bail and committed the prisoners for trial on the charge of murder.

**MERCHANT.**

**MAKING-WEIGHT APPOINTMENTS.**

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 10th May, 1888.

Sir,—If Mr. McEwen had remained in the Colony I believe he would have openly discussed the question of Superintendent, to the Fire Brigade, without favour or affection but with common fairness to the members of the Colony, who pay the piper.

It seems a curious state of things that an important appointment like this should be termed a "make-weight" and be given to a man who possess no qualification whatever for the post.

For my part, I cannot see why a qualified man should not be preferred from England for a very small increase to what we are now called upon to pay, and I do not see why all Insurance Companies should not contribute in proportion to the payment done by each, for at present the foreign offices get off scot-free.

If a Magistrate of whom there are two in this Colony, each drawing good salaries, has the time, in addition to his magisterial work, to perform effectively the duties of Coroner and Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, it would appear that the work of the Magistrate is slight and the whole work at the Police Court might be well performed by one, with a slight addition to salary, and a considerable saving in the revenue of the Colony. For it is clear that either one Magistrate has no "make-weight," or the one who has two "make-weights" is over-worked or the one who has none is under-worked and over-paid. So, take away the work of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, and that would leave about sufficient work for one good man, and I would of course have a properly qualified man for the post. Let us have no round men in square holes or vice versa. You want a man who would speak out and protect the persons from whom we in the least may to pay the "make-weights" comes—Yours,

TAXES.

**THE ALLEGED MURDER OF A COOLIE.**

The bearing of this case was resumed before Mr. Scarsdale Smith at the Magistrate this morning.

Sui Sz, the undertaker who supplied the coffin for the deceased, said the second defendant came to his shop about 8.30 a.m. on the 29th ult. and bought a coffin for \$4 and gave orders that it was to be taken to a certain house at 12.45 that day.

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passed the violent death of the Lieutenant China at the Carabinos. Owing to these and a series of other grave offences extending for a period of over two years, the Gluek Ho Society, a formidable League, bearing on its books upwards of 12,500 registered members, was duly proclaimed as suppressed. Although not within the period covered by the report a fresh point is added to Mr. Pickering's remarks by the suppression of the Hui-han Gluek Ho early this year, in connection with the extensive intimidation declared by the Chinese servants to have been practised upon them in reference to registration under the D. S. Ordinance. We are satisfied to know that the views of the Protector as regards the expediency of utilising the influence of the Societies is sound and practical. That these Secret Societies, called Thien-te-ho, should have ever been permitted to exist in this Colony is a matter for regret. It is pointed out that in China the penalties inflicted for the offence of membership of a Secret Society is that of decapitation, and even in the Netherlands Indies, the severest measures of repression are taken against these associations. The time is come when, in the opinion of the Protector, steps should be taken to effect the gradual abolition of all the societies, with a complement to this, the rigid prohibition of any efforts at creating similar guilds in place of those that disappear. But there are other all important considerations, which the Protector points out is a sine qua non, all satisfactory dealing with these societies, whether in the way of using them as channels of Government influence with the Chinese, or whether they be summarily extinguished as a fertile source of danger to the public peace. That essential condition is that there should exist between the Police authorities and the Protectorate a cordial co-operation and common understanding, which the Protector does more than b. it, does not now prevent between these two departments. And yet it is necessary that such should exist as is testified to by the stat. ment that in the event of the ultimate suppression of these Societies, the Police Department must be prepared to take up the larger share of the heavy responsibilities which at present rest upon the weak staff of the Protectorate.

The powers of suppression at present given by Ord. XIX of 1869 are amended by IV of 1884 and are nominal and would require to be supplemented by an Ordinance armed with provisions of a highly punitive character, as required being that the onus of proof of innocence should rest on such as are charged with the secret maintenance of suppressed societies.

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